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SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR IVP GRANT

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1. POST NOMINATES GERALD (GERRY) P. HASLAM, NEW EDITOR OF WINNIPEG DAILY TRIBUNE FOR PARTIAL IVP GRANT TO ATTEND REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY AUGUST 15 - 19 WITH POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMING BEFORE OR AFTER.

2. BIO DATA: GRANTEE WAS BORN IN ROTHERHAM, ENGLAND FEBRUARY 5, 1945. HE EMIGRATED TO CANADA IN 1952 WITH HIS PARENTS, AND HAS LIVED IN FIVE PROVINCES: NOVA SCOTIA, NEWFOUNDLAND, QUEBEC, ONTARIO AND MANITOBA.

-- AFTER ATTENDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NOVA SCOTIA, HE TOOK HIS SECONDARY EDUCATION AT ASHBURY COLLEGE, OTTAWA. IN 1967, HE GRADUATED FROM MCGILL UNIVERSITY IN MONTREAL WITH A B.A. DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY.

-- HE BEGAN HIS WORKING CAREER AS A RESEARCH ASSISTANT TO A GROUP
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OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN APRIL, 1967. IN NOVEMBER OF THAT YEAR

HE WAS APPOINTED EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE TR RT. HON.
JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER.

-- HE MOVED TO MANITOBA IN 1969 AS HOST OF THE BI-LINE ON CKY
RADIO, SUCCEEDING THE LATE BILL TREBILCOW. IN 1970 HE JOINED CBC
RADIO AND TELEVISION, SERVING AS CO-HOST (WITH JOHN HARVARD) OF
THE PROGRAM 24 HOURS.

-- IN 1971, HE BEGAN WRITING A DAILY COLUMN FOR THE WINNIPEG
TRIBUNE, JOINING THE STAFF OF THE NEWSPAPER IN SEPTEMBER,
1972.
HE WAS THE NEWSPAPER'S ELECTION EDITOR IN THE 1973 PROVINCIAL
CAMPAIGN, AND WAS APPOINTED MANAGING EDITOR IN NOVEMBER, 1973.

-- HE WAS APPOINTED EDITOR OF THE TRIBUNE IN APRIL, 1976.

-- MR. HASLAM HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN
TELEVISION AND RADIO ARTISTS, AND IN THE WINNIPEG PRESS CLUB.
HE IS AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF JOURNALISM AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF WESTERN ONTARIO.

-- HIS WIFE, PAT , (AN AMERICAN CITIZEN) IS PRINCIPAL OF PRINCE
EDWARD SCHOOL IN THE RIVER EAST SCHOOL DIVISION, AND PAST PRESIDENT
OF THE RIVER EAST TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

3. I UNDERSTAND THAH TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR CU GRANTEES FOR
THE CONVENTION IF REPEAT IF ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE FOUND.
HAVE ARRANGED FOR MR HASLAM TO STAY WITH DR. BRUCE P. HUTSON,
3522 SO EMERY, INDEPENDENCE, MO 64055, PHONE (816) 461 1626.
PRESUME THIS WILL SOLVE HOUSING PROBLEM.

4. HAVE ALREADY INFORMALLY EXTENDED INVITATION TO NOMINEE, AND
INDICATED THAT FORMAL INVITATION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM EMBASSY
IF HE IS ABLE TO ACCEPT. MR HASLAM WILL ADVISE US NLT JULY 15
WHETHER HE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION AND WHETHER THE
CU FUNDING WILL BE REQUIRED. HE IS PRESENTLY DISCUSSING THE
INVITATION AND THE STANDARD CU GRANT TERMS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
PER DIEM, ETC., BUT INDICATED HIS NEWSPAPER'S POLICY MAY NOT PER-
MIT HIM TO ACCEPT ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE USG OR OTHER
SOURCES. PRESUME DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF HE WERE TO
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PAY HIS OWN WAY.

5. FOR USIA: CAN USIA ALSO ARRANGE FOR MR HASLAM TO BE A FULLY
ACCREDITED MEMBER OF THE PRESS AT THE CONVENTION?

6. COMMENT: MR HASLAM IS OBVIOUSLY A VERY CAPABLE JOURNALIST, AND
SENSITIVE TO POLITICAL WINDS BOTH IN CANADA AND THE U.S. SINCE
TAKING OVER THE WINNIPEG TRIBUNE IN JULY 1976 , HE HAS BROUGHT A

WHOLE NEW LOOK TO THE WINNIPEG TRIBUNE INCLUDING AN OMBUDSMAN
(FIRST IN CANADA) AND A VIGOROUS ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN TO CHALLENGE
THE WINNIPEG FREE PRESS'S TRADITIONAL DOMINATION OF THE PROVINCE.
YOUNG, SHARP, AND HIGHLY PRINCIPLED, HE STRIKES ME AS AN IDEAL
NNOMINEE , WHO COULD READILY ENGAGE SOME OF OUR LEADING JOURNALISTS
IN A USEFUL EXCHANGE IF HE IS ABLE TO EXTEND HIS PROGRAM BEYOND THE
CONVENTION. STRONGLY RECOMMEND EMBASSY'S CONCURRECE.
HUTSON

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